MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

THIRTIETH DAY.

Thursday, 31st March 1955.

The House met in the Legislative Assembly Hall, Old Public Offices, Bangalore, at Twelve of the Clock.

MR. SPEAKER (SRI H. S. RUDRAPPA, B.SC., LL.B.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Strike in the Electrical Department.

Q.—128. SRI M. LINGANNA (Nanjangud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the total cost incurred by the Government during the recent strike in Electrical Department ;

(*b*) whether there was any damage done during that period ;

(*c*) whether all the persons arrested are released ;

(*d*) whether the Committee to go into their question is formed or not ?

A.—DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Final figures for the additional expenditure incurred in connection with the strike are not yet available.

(*b*) Yes, to property belonging to the Electrical Department.

(*c*) The cases against some were withdrawn and those against others have been or are being dealt with in the Courts.

(*d*) It has been constituted.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—May I know whether the Government could at least give us tentative figures of the expenditure incurred during the strike in the Electrical Department ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Tentative figures are difficult to be given. But as soon as we get more definite and accurate figures, we will be able to place them before the House.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—Are they in the know of things about the extent of expenditure incurred at least tentatively by now ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—It is difficult to say. The military people have to send in their bill. There was some military personnel engaged and they have not sent their figures. Many other Departments were also connected with this. That is why I would rather wait for some time.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—On what terms and conditions, military service was recruited for this purpose ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—There were some technical men and in Bangalore there is a unit by itself in the military for any emergency like that and we asked them to come and run the Generating Station should there be such a thing and they agreed to come.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—I want to know the terms under which their services were made use of the by Government.

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Some expenses are involved in this and they will have to be met by us. They have not yet sent the bill.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—May I know with reference to answer (*c*), what are the reasons that have induced the Government to withdraw the cases ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—All cases in which violence and any criminal acts were not done were withdrawn. Those cases that were merely technical offences were withdrawn.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—May I know at the time when the Government constituted the Committee, one of the conditions was that the cases pending against all the workers should be withdrawn ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—There was no such condition imposed.

SRI M. LINGANNA.—At least, was it one of the factors that was negotiated when the committee was constituted ?

DR. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—Those cases that involved violence could not be withdrawn. It was not a condition of the agreement.

Sri M. LINGANNA.—May I know when the Committee is asked to submit its report ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—I think it is five months from the time of their appointment.

Strike in the Electrical Department.

Q.—137. Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY (Malavalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the duration of the recent Electric strike ;

(*b*) the extra expenditure incurred by the Government to obtain the supply of electricity during the strike ;

(*c*) the commitment that would have been on the part of the Government if they had conceded the demand of the employees to avert the strike ;

(*d*) the number of cases launched against the employees during the strike;

(*e*) the number of cases which are still pending ;

(*f*) the number of employees who have not yet been permitted to come back on work ; if so, why ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) Nineteen days.

(*b*) Final figures for the extra expenditure incurred in connection with the Strike are not yet available.

(*c*) Conceding the demands of the Union would have involved a recurring expenditure of Rs. 40 to 45 lakhs.

(*d*) 31.

(*e*) 21.

(*f*) Twenty-one. As they are accused of criminal offences.

Sri B. P. NAGARAJA MURTHY.—I have no supplementaries.

Strike in the Electrical Department (Expenditure incurred).

Q.—274. Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM (Jagalur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the expenditure incurred during the period of Strike by the employees of the Electrical Department for the maintenance of service ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

Final figures for the extra expenditure incurred are not yet available.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—It is stated that the final figures for the extra expenditure incurred are not yet available and they are being worked out. Are not the Government sure of the total expenditure ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—No, Sir.

Sri J. MOHAMED IMAM.—Was not this expenditure made before the close of the year or are they going to be met out of the next year's grant ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—During this year, it is not going to be met.

Mr. SPEAKER.—It is already stated by the Hon'ble Minister that some of the Departments which were responsible for safeguarding, or sending technical men to, the Electrical Department, have not sent their bills.

Committee on Demands of Employees of Electrical Department.

Q.—353. Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA (Arkalgud).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they propose to appoint a Committee to go into the demands of the employees of the Electrical Department ;

(*b*) whether the Committee will be asked to submit a report with regard the demands of the Primary School teachers and other N.G.O.'s of several Departments ?

A.—Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture).—

(*a*) A Committee has already been appointed.

(*b*) No.

Sri G. A. THIMMAPPA GOWDA.—What were the terms of reference to the Committee ?

Dr. R. NAGAN GOWDA.—They were published, Sir.

Mr. SPEAKER.—If the Hon'ble Member had asked for that information at the time of putting the question, it could have been made available.